

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application and claims 21-40 have been cancelled, without prejudice. Thus, such cancellation does not preclude the rights of Applicants to pursue the subject matter contained therein in one or more divisional applications.

Claim 20 has been amended for clarity. The specification has been amended as requested by the Examiner to correct a typographical error and also to provide antecedent basis as appropriate. No new matter is believed to be added. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the objections be withdrawn.

The Office Action has required that a new election be made with respect to the original, as filed claims. Applicants elect Invention I, Claims 1-20, without traverse. The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 1-20. The claims have been so limited.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for allowance and such favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(d), Applicants have made the appropriate changes requested by the Examiner and provide Formal Drawings herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the Drawings be withdrawn.